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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-14. (canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece, in particular wristwatch~~  
A timepiece comprising a middle, a watch movement housed in the middle, a transceiver circuit associated with said movement and an antenna connected to said transceiver circuit, ~~wherein~~ said antenna ~~is~~ being formed by a solid electrically conductive monobloc mass having the shape of at least a portion of a ring, this mass being disposed on ~~the~~ an outer periphery of said middle, said antenna being connected to the transceiver circuit by ~~way of~~ a conductor passing through the wall of the middle on a portion of its thickness.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass forms a decorative portion thereof.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass is engaged in a

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groove made in the lateral surface of the middle, its outer surface just touching the lateral surface of the middle.

18. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 16, wherein said conductive solid mass forms at least a portion of a bezel of the piece surrounding the glass disk of the latter.

19. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass constitutes a closed ring.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said middle being made of electrically conductive material, said conductive solid mass is separated therefrom by an insulator.

21. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim ~~15~~ 20, wherein said insulator is made of a material chosen from the group consisting of the nitrile rubbers, hydrogenated nitrile rubbers, polyurethanes, silicones, polymers ~~or~~ and ceramics.

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22. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim ~~15~~ 20, wherein said conductive solid mass and, ~~where appropriate,~~ said insulator are fixedly attached to said middle by at least one of the following operations: chasing, screwing, bonding, brazing, crimping and/or riveting.

23. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said conductive solid mass is made of a metal such as stainless steel or a gold alloy or made of an agglomerated composite mass, in zirconia for example, charged with conductive particles.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 23, wherein said solid conductive mass is coated with ~~a very hard layer, made for example of rhodium or diamond.~~

25. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 15, ~~wherein it comprises~~ further comprising a conductive element forming a ground plane for said antenna.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 25, wherein said middle being metallic, said element

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forming the ground plane consists of the back of said this  
middle.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 25, wherein said middle being of an electrically nonconductive material, said element forming the ground earth plane consists of a metal disk placed inside the middle against the back ~~of the latter~~ thereof.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~Timepiece~~ The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said antenna is of capacitive type and is connected directly to said transceiver circuit.

29. (New) The timepiece according to claim 15, wherein said timepiece is a wristwatch and said conductive solid mass forms an outer face of said wristwatch.